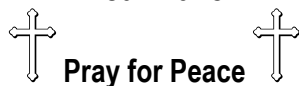


Year 2018



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

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**28th Sunday of the Year
14th of October**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

Wisdom 7:7-11. Psalm 89. Hebrews 4:12-13.
Mark 10:17-30.

Next Week 20-21/10.

Isaiah 53:10-11. Psalm 32. Hebrews 4:14-16.
Mark 10:35-45.

Mass Times:

Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills – Sat. 6pm. Sun.
7:30am & 9am.

Brighton – Sat. 5pm. Sun. 7am.

Sandgate – Sun. 9am. & 5pm.

Zillmere – Sat. 6pm. Sun. 7am. 9am. & 5pm.

Reconciliation:

Every Sat. 5:15pm to 5:45pm and before all
weekend Masses.

Weekday Mass or Liturgy: 9am.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Readings:

Mon. Gal. 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1. P.112. Lk. 11:29-32.

Tue. Galatians 5:1-6. P.118. Luke 11:37-41.

Wed. Galatians 5:18-25. P.1. Luke 11:42-46.

Thu. 2 Timothy 4:10-17. P.144. Luke 10:1-9.

Fri. Ephesians 1:11-14. P.32. Luke 11:1-7.

Sat. Ephesians 1:15-23. P.8. Luke 12:8-12.

Mass at Home:

Both City and Regional. Channel 10. Sundays
at 6am. Mass is available for viewing at
any time at <http://www.mfyah.com.au/>

St. Stephen - Cathedral Mass:

Live at 10am., every Sunday on website:
<http://bne.catholic.net.au/webcast>

Communion for the Sick:

To share our Sunday liturgies with sick family
members and/or friends, please see
Leader/Coordinator before Mass.

Reflection from:- the Word among us.

Parish News

St. Joseph's and St Anthony's Bracken Ridge and Bald Hills

Reflection.

Reflection on the Gospel- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 10:17-30)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Not too many of us commit murder or adultery. Not too many take hostages or give false testimony in a court of law. Most are ready to honour and care for their parents in their old age. In other words, most of us are basically decent and honest and could make the same claim as does the wealthy man who runs up to Jesus, namely that we have kept the commandments from our youth. The man's question is actually a strange one. He wants to know what he must *do* in order to inherit eternal life. He seems unaware that inheritance depends, not on what one does, but on who one is. Jesus responds to his greeting, "Good Teacher", with a reminder that God is the source of all goodness, and then lets him know that keeping the commandments is not enough. Interestingly, Jesus adds a commandment that is not actually numbered among the "ten" but is to be found in an Essene document from Qumran: "You shall not defraud". This prepares the way for what follows.

First-century Mediterranean societies were "limited goods" societies. If a person acquired wealth, it was invariably understood to be at the expense of others. The wealthy were therefore looked upon with suspicion. Although Jesus looks at the man lovingly, he may nonetheless be hinting that this person's wealth has been acquired fraudulently. Jesus offers a challenge that the man is unable to meet: to sell what he has, give the proceeds to the poor, have "treasure in heaven", and "follow" him. The man retains his possessions and acquires a burden, the burden of sorrow. To share one's goods with those in need is too hard for some, Jesus admits, but not for those who are open to the power of God at work in their lives.

The concluding verses are puzzling. In declaring that those who have left everything and followed him are to have an abundance of this world's goods as well as

eternal life, is Jesus modifying his earlier position? Is he reverting to a tradition that saw wealth as God's reward for righteous living? Is he suggesting that those who share their goods find they have more than enough? It is hard to know. The twist in the tale is that they will do it hard: "not without persecution". It is likely that Mark is describing his own experience within a persecuted community of believers some forty years after the death of Jesus. The happy ones were doubtless those who took the risk of sharing their goods with those in need. Our lucky country has still to learn that lesson. Welcoming the stranger and sharing our wealth with the dispossessed may demand of us a simpler way of life. Who knows what blessings it will bring if we dare to take up the challenge?



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Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin

Sacramental Coordinator: Helen Hickey

School: 30 Eldorado St, Bracken Ridge. Principal: Mr. Gary Creevey, Ph: 3261 2858.

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Parish Office: Bronwyn Venzke,
bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Ph: 3261 3670.
Monday, Tuesday & Friday mornings.

St Vincent de Paul: Jeff Walsh

Parish Care Group: Marcia Caruso

Youth Leader: Emma Beach

Hospitality Group: June and Keith De Broughe,

Newsletter: Barbara Masterman (Cut-off time: noon Fridays).

Please leave the area facing the Parish Centre free for the elderly and those among us who have some mobility difficulties and need our sensitivity with parking even if it appears the area is not being used.

This is a gathering of the whole church – in Australia, the first since 1937, in which all are invited to have a say about the future of the Catholic Church in our country. Unlike the Synod, the Plenary Council has legislative and governance authority. The decisions that are made at the Council become binding for the Catholic Church in Australia. We have the consent of Pope Francis to call the Council and it will be Pope Francis who will approve the decisions of the Council. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change? The delegates will include all Australian Bishops, Vicar generals, religious Superiors and Congregational Leaders, Rectors of Catholic Tertiary Institutions, Deans of Faculties of theology and Canon Law and Rectors of Major Seminaries. They will be joined by other community members with a particular expertise who can work together in an advisory capacity to help ensure the successful preparation, celebration and implementation of the Plenary Council 2020. 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? You are welcome to reflect on this question and submit your response online at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

OR If you would like to share your thoughts with others in a small group, opportunities will be available in the coming weeks. Please join us in praying for the success of this Council.

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Asbestos Removal Details.

This work started will be completed during the Christmas school holidays. The company removing the asbestos is GBar. The areas to be addressed will be closed off so as to not to allow any unauthorized access. We have opted for an even greater exclusion zone for students attending OSHC and visitors. More details later.

Car Parking.

The carparks closest to the church will be reserved for Senior parishioners and those with mobility issues. It will be necessary for many of us to use street parking. Please do not park other vehicles in when parking in the Church carpark, as people need to be able to leave in case of emergency. Please only park in the allocated spaces. There are

many side streets available for parking. Providing the ground is not too wet, parking will be available on the school oval. Thank you. Fr. Gerry.

This and next weekend the following children – will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for the children and their families.

Mason Kiara Don
Marley Ava Chelsea
Chloe Kayla Samantha
Alex Eulrich Chael
Archie Oliver Oscar
Emanuel Khiara
Mathew Rafael Holly
Ruby Grace Oliver
Kaelen Liam Lachlan
Ashlyn Anastasia Darcy
Abiel Ashlee William
Bethany Isabella Chris
Henry Edward Cailin
Dean Felix Eamon
Louella Zack Alex
Kyla Aidan Aiden
Hattie Jensen Mareena
Aidan Amy Adyson
Janine Cara Isabella
Daniela Aston Lucy
Rebecca PJ Matthew
Jackson Ashleigh Sophie
Lilly Isaac Sienna
Georgette Charlotte Evelyn

Each month in parish life can bring new opportunities and challenges.

Sister Dorothy continues parish visitations in the parish. This month there will be two nights for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for each of the children and families. We give thanks to God for the many blessings that we have received. Fr. Gerry.

Our prayers matter.

Pray for Peace. Let us all 'Pray@8' Pray@8 cards are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one for yourself and one to give away. "Loving God. Let your gentle presence settle over our troubled lands. Teach us to walk in the way of your peace. Amen."

Children's Liturgy.

Today. In the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. For students in Prep to Year 3. Rostered 21/10 Barbara Masterman.

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of 9am. Mass. All 3, 4 & 5 year olds invited and welcome to join us in the Parish Centre. Enq. Margaret

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

Parish Volunteer Form and an Archdiocesan 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. Please collect the forms from Bronwyn at the Office, Terry or Margaret.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has implemented standards of conduct for voluntary church workers to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary ministry having direct and regular involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This referencing is kept up to date at all times.

We Pray God's Healing touch and love-

for all those who are sick and for those who care for them. To have family/friends included in our newsletter, please contact Barbara

Condolence.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have recently lost loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

14-21/10. 28th & 29th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. World Mission Day (Holy See). Saints Laura Montoya y Upegui. Teresa of Jesus. Hedwig. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Ignatius of Antioch. Luke, Evangelist. John Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions. Paul of the Cross.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 27-28/10. Group 3. Enq. Barbara Masterman. All interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend any of the preparation sessions. Please contact the leader for dates, time and venue.

Leaders/ Proclaimers of the Word.

For next weekend, 20-21/10. Group 2.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2.

Servers.

If you would like to serve, please see Fr. Gerry before Mass.

Counters Roster.

21/10. Group 2. 28/10. Group 3.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 20/10. Anna

Parish Pastoral Council.

On Monday night, the Pastoral Council spent some time discussing Plenary Council 2020. We were able to ponder the question 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?' After praying and reflecting on the question, we shared our thoughts and learned much from our varied responses. We will forward our responses to the Plenary Council to be collated with others from across the Archdiocese and Australia. In the coming weeks, opportunities for small group reflection and discussion of this question will be available for interested parishioners. Hope to see many of you there. If you have any ideas or concerns within the Parish please raise them with your pastoral councillors personally or alternatively by sending an email to bridge@bne.catholic.net.au with the heading "For the attention of the Pastoral Council".

RCIA. Enq. Margaret Halpin

Vocation Views.

Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not – nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's call.

Prayer Blog.

See Parish Blog updates on our website and on the board near the Sacristy. Parishioners may write a

short piece on how they pray and share reflections.

Vocation Discernment Weekend -

hosted by The Capuchin Friars: 16-18/11. Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend Retreat is for men aged 18-35. Starts 7:30pm. Friday at the beautiful Marian Valley Retreat Centre (10km from Canungra) and concludes at 3pm. on Sunday. Cost is only \$30. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice. So if you're discerning, come along! No strings attached. Contact Father Thomas on vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432362052 to register or to get more info. Retreatants must register beforehand. More info at: <https://www.capuchin.org.au/event/brisbane-vocation-discernment-weekend/>

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Enq. Gloria

Following on from the Royal Commission.

At the end of February 2018, the parish published the final weekly update on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and committed to monitoring internet sources for new information and providing it through the parish newsletter. This is our follow on. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference released their formal response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse at 11am 31 August 2018. Their statement may be read at <http://bit.ly/ACBCStatement31082018> Their 57-page report may be read at <http://bit.ly/ACBCResponse31082018> The Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge, has released a letter, which may be read at <http://bit.ly/ArchbishopBneLetter31082018>

Netta Sheridan

Specialist Support – Updated

Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld)

Helpline - 1800 337 928

Centacare Family and Relationship Services -

Brisbane 07 3251 5000

Lifeline - 13 11 14

UnitingCare – Chermide 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

Mother Teresa Shrine.

The newest chapel at Marian Valley - for St. Teresa of Calcutta. Walk around to see other Shrines, visit to the Adoration Chapel, walk the Way of the Cross. Enq. David Leahy 0478 63 88 75

St Rita's College –

-has limited current vacancies in years 7-12. Enq. and/or enrol@stritas.qld.edu.au or telephone the Registrar www.stritas.qld.edu.au 41 Enderley Road, Clayfield. Ph: 3862 1615.

St. Joseph's School.

Further asbestos removal will occur during the Christmas holiday period. World Teacher's Day this

year is Wed. 26/10. A Mother and Son Scavenger Hunt will be held in the School grounds this Sun. 14/10. 2 – 4pm. Mums and their sons can follow clues to find treasures in the grounds.

It's Blackall Fete preparation time for us again.

St. Patrick's Church Blackall is having its' annual Fete on Saturday 24/11. As usual the BR Blackall Fete Team is gathering items to stock our Variety/Treasure Hunt Stall. NEW Items only are required could include but are not limited to: Linen, Kitchen Towels, Sheets, Crockery, Cutlery, Tableware, Kitchen Utensils, Cookware, Toys, Books, Games, Toiletries, Golden Casket Scratchies (of any value) or anything else you can think of that we could transport to Blackall in the back of a car. Donations can be placed in the box at the rear of the Church or contact John & Sharyn Rogers, Greg & Sharyn McLagan, and Maurice & Glenda Murdoch for collection.

Lawn Maintenance.

Maintaining lawns is a hard work, and not everyone can spare all that time and energy at all stages of their life, at D&A we mow lawns and we aim to make it personal for you. Our motto is, best services for best prices. Contact us now: Anas Raed: 0413 271 432. David Nabeel: 0490 388 459. Email: da.mowingservices@gmail.com Note: Note: please message us as the line could be busy with other calls during your call.

St. John Fisher College.

Limited vacancies 2019 & 2020. Enrol now at www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu.au

PALMS Australia.

PALMS Australia invites you to EXPLORE A NEW MISSION. Opportunities now open in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa and Myanmar. For information, call 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au Q & A: November 9. 5.30pm., Brisbane Square Library. George Street. City.

Vulnerable communities overseas are seeking qualified or experienced professional trades and business people willing to volunteer as mentors to their local personnel. Palms Australia is a Catholic agency which expresses Pope Francis' call to be "a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets", and in the villages, farms, hospitals and schools where volunteers serve. Volunteers embrace a life of solidarity with their host communities during a mission of 1-3 years. The Archdiocese will cover the cost of the Palms Orientation Course and a re-entry weekend on return. The Bishops support a Lay Missionary Gratuity Fund. Palms Australia gives us an opportunity to show the true face of the Church. Enq. 3324 3415 or aomail@bne.catholic.net.au

Life Procession.

Pray to End Abortion. Third Saturday of each month. Mass St. Brigid's. Red Hill. 6.30am. Gather at Roma Street Parkland. Walk to Wickham Terrace praying the Rosary. Enq. www.prolifeprocession.org

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and or subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Petrie Catholic Parish.

The Parish has a building at Petrie to rent out. It has 6 rooms, which can be used for office space, larger rooms for meetings, reception area, plenty of storage as well a secure two car garage and there are also allocated parking spaces that comes with the building. We are walking distance from Petrie Train / Bus Station. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 32856759 or email petrie@bne.catholic.net.au

Care for Creation Group.

<http://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com> is our Care for Creation website and Facebook page. It has lots of useful resources that may be of interest. We value your feedback on any improvements we can make. With Pope Francis we pray: "That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen". The Parish Care for Creation Group meets in the Parish Centre at 4.45pm., on the third Saturday of each month. All very welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

To the People of God of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The painting of the patron of the Archdiocese, St. Mary MacKillop, copies of which are in our parish churches, will soon have a permanent home in one of the turrets at the front of the cathedral. Beneath it will stand a marble image of the Sacred Heart from the cathedral before the 1989 renovation, keeping in mind that the full name of the Congregation founded by St Mary MacKillop is the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. I have also decided that in this space we will entrust all victims and survivors of sexual abuse to the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who knew the pain of the victim and the strength of the survivor. The turret will contain a candle and inscription remembering those who have been abused and their loved ones, and entrusting them to the loving intercession of Mother Mary of the Cross. The candle will stand on stone from Jerusalem, linking the memorial to the whole story of salvation. In the turret we will also place another marble from old St Stephen's – an image of the crucifixion with Mary and John beneath the Cross. The one on the Cross represents all who have been abused and the two figures beneath the Cross represent their family and friends who have shared their suffering. The new shrine will be dedicated during 10.00am Mass in the cathedral on Sunday 21 October. This will be the day before the national apology to the victims and survivors of abuse in the parliament in Canberra. So the dedication of the new shrine will be a simple way for the Archdiocese of Brisbane to share deeply, sincerely and permanently in the apology to all who have been abused, but especially those who have been abused in the Church. May this be a powerful and enduring response inspired by the Gospel which so inspired St Mary MacKillop to respond to the needs of her own time. Archbishop of Brisbane.

St. Vincent De Paul.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am. Mass. Enq. Jeff Walsh

14th of October. 28th Sunday of the Year.

Our Parish Family—Sister Parish with Blackall-Tambo Parish in the Diocese of Rockhampton & supporting South Sudan

We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

QUICK REFERENCE ...

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Training.

Aspley Parish.

Sunday, November 18th, 10am - 12pm

Francis Rush Centre. Brisbane City.

Thursday, August 16th 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Thursday, September 13th 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Thursday, October 18th 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday, November 7th 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Thursday, December 6th 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Anyone in our parish who needs to complete this training is most welcome to attend.

First though you must Register and Terry Tolhurst can do this for you. Please contact him

SVDP

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am Mass. Enq Jeff Walsh

St Joseph's Craft Group

Our Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month after the 9am Mass 9.30-11.30am.

Next gathering Monday 15 October.

Unless otherwise notified: No Gatherings in December 18 and January 19.

Enq Jan or Jan

Our Parish Newsletter online

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parishnewsletter.html>

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church 7-8pm., each Friday night All welcome

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass times, News, events. Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

Youth Groups

BLITZ:- Next Meeting Sun. 21/10 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. In Term 4 we welcome Grade 3 students.

All students in years 3-6 are welcome to join us. Gold coin donation. Enq Emma Beach



ROCK: Gathering today, In the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. All students between years 7-12 welcome Enq Emma Beach



SALT:- Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). All young adults welcome. Enq. Jess

Men's Prayer Group

Held every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All gentlemen of the Parish invited and welcome. Enq. Philip

Women's Prayer Group

Gathering each Wednesday in the Church from 9.30 – 10.30am., followed by a cuppa. All welcome. Enq. Margaret

Our Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided. Please check out the wide variety available.

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

(www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

WAG (World Action Group) Update

Last week we collected \$202 for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish.

This week we collect for the Water Wells in South Sudan. As always, we thank you for your very generous support of our Parish projects.

Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

Giving

Our Parish takes up one collection for the support of our priest, parish and contribution to the Archdiocese. It is taken up before the offertory. Current number of Envelope Givers: 67. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 94. Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$656.
Direct Debit	\$1741.
Loose	\$925.
Total	\$3322.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 40. \$3321.

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

Name:.....

Address.....

Ph:.....

Email:.....

Please place slip on the collection plate or email Bronwyn Venzke at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Many thanks for your support.



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